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SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Tribal Council



The past few months have brought major changes to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The recent passing of former Chairman, Jimmy R. Newton Jr., has prompted a special election to be held Wednesday, May 28 to determine who will be the next Southern Ute Tribal Chairman. Tribal Council has continued working on current projects and priorities. In the next two issues, the Drum takes a look at what Tribal Council is focusing on during this time of transition.

Core government functions

By Beth Santistevan
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Council has been involved in many projects over the past three years in an attempt to improve its own operations and that of the tribe as a whole. Tribal Council has identified a need to “elevate” its own functions so it can focus on higher-level issues, tribe-wide, rather than the day-to-day functions of the Permanent Fund.

One particular project Tribal Council has initiated to assist this effort is identifying core government functions of the Permanent Fund.

Tribal Council reviewed all programs in the Permanent Fund to determine the relationship between the program and the core government functions of the Permanent Fund while keeping in mind the guiding principles of the Tribal Council and how these programs align with those principles.

The guiding principles are derived from the Tribal Constitution which has six functions to serve the membership; self-governance, protection of natural resources, interaction with the federal government, administer justice, health and general welfare, fiscal manage-

ment and administration. From these six functions the Tribal Council identified four guiding principles. The first, promote sovereignty, maximize self-governance, and minimize federal oversight.

Secondly, utilize tribal resources in a sound manner (accountability, responsibility, efficiency).

Third, reflect culture and traditions of the Tribe and strengthen the knowledge and practice; and last, promote quality services, benefits and programs and serve the best interest of the membership.

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Gov't-to-gov't relationships key to tribal success

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe prides itself on its good working relationships with local, state and federal government agencies, but there's still much work to be done toward developing those relationships to reach tribal goals.

That was the message from Acting Chairman

James M. Olguin in an interview with the Drum on Monday, April 28. While some bonds are closer than others, all are important in helping the tribe protect and advance its members' interests, he said.

Olguin broke down for the Drum each of the tribe's key intergovernmental relationships and the biggest current issues on which each is a partner with the tribe.

LOCAL TOWNS AND CITIES

By the location of its headquarters, the tribe is naturally most closely connected with the Town of Ignacio. Olguin said recently, the two have shared a common concern: the dearth of in-town housing. It's important to the town for a variety of reasons, but

Gov't-to-gov't page 5

Council reviews Financial Plan

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Tribal Council is currently in the process of reviewing the tribe's Financial Plan. Reviewing the Financial Plan is not uncommon; the Financial Plan has been reviewed a few times since it was established in 1999-2000. With amendments being made in 2004 and 2008, Darrell Owen, chief financial officer of the Growth Fund, said.

It's too soon to tell if

amendments will be made after this review, but Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks, and Councilman Alex S. Cloud, sat down with the Drum to explain some of the reasons behind reviewing the Financial Plan.

The Financial Plan is a big part of the tribe and it is an essential tool that has been enhanced from its original state, Cloud said.

“The world has changed so much since then [original plan] and the financials have changed too ... we are

trying to make sure there's money for those in the future,” Cloud said.

Regularly monitoring the plan is important in determining the overall financial well being of the tribe, GoodTracks said.

“It's improvements we're looking for,” she said. “The original plan was a basic structure that provided for things that existed then ... they didn't write the plan thinking we'd come so far.”

Cloud agreed with Financial plan page 5

EMPLOYMENT

Opportunity for tribal members through program

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Getting a job is hard enough. But imagine a job that provides benefits, good pay, on-the-job training and a mentor. Now, that seems unattainable to most people. However, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member Apprentice Program provides just that to tribal members.

According to the outlines of the program, the program has placed tribal members in high-level management positions as well as provided both low and top-level management work experience.

The program does not guarantee job placement upon completion of the curriculum but sometimes the apprentice does fill the position.

For example, Cheryl

Frost, records manager, is someone who has completed the program and is now in the management position she apprenticed for.

“I was working in records and found out about the program from the clerks manager that was leaving and suggested I apply, so I did,” Frost said.

Frost is now the current records manager in the Tribal Information Services Department.

The apprenticeship also provides a curriculum the mentor and the apprentice agree on. The curriculum is often broken down in to monthly goals that the apprentice should try to meet.

Along with the curriculum, apprentices are also required to meet with an apprentice committee every three-months to document

progress of both the mentor and apprentice.

“I like that I got to meet with the committee it keeps you and your mentor on track,” Trennie Collins, former Woodyard secretary apprentice, said.

Another perk the apprenticeship provides is on-the-job training. Mentor and apprentice interact daily, working on projects and attending meetings together, Cassandra Naranjo, current apprentice for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) position said.

“I get to sit in consultation meetings and learn with work groups and learn about reburials ... the shadowing helps with the preparation of taking over the position,” Naranjo said. “It

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So many eggs, so little time



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

After falling in the rush to get back to her parents to count her eggs, other children helped her get all her eggs back into her basket, during the annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Southern Ute Police Department, Saturday, April 19.

Gathering returns to Duke City



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The nations largest celebrated powwow made its return to the southwest for its 31st year. The Gathering of Nations arrived in Albuquerque from April 24-26 at the packed Pit arena and featured thousands of Native American dancers and singers competing for the crowd's entertainment. The Southern Ute Indian tribe was one of 700-plus tribes representing.

Bear Dancing at RIMS



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Culture Department gave a Bear Dance presentation to begin the opening session of the RIMS (The Risk Management Society) Annual Conference and Exhibition at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Monday, April 18.



Ute room at the Strater



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has a newly dedicated room provided by the Strater Hotel in Durango. In honor of the tribe's history, room 412 of the Strater has been newly established to pay tribute to the Utes' influence with the area, including the tribe's ongoing contributions with the local community. Five additional rooms are also commemorating history, all spotlighting on figures that have remained in the region for many years.

MANY MOONS AGO



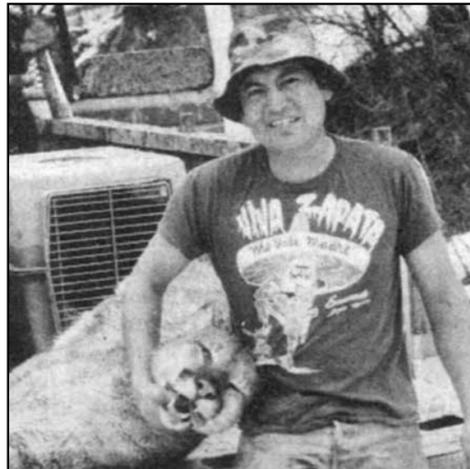
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10 years ago

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Jim Newton Jr. (seated at far left) teaches a group of approximately 25 junior high and high school boys the art of traditional signing and drumming. Newton is working with Roger Sulcer on developing a youth drum group at Ignacio High School. Councilman Newton will be working closely with the young men and guiding them on the beginning of a new drum group.

This photo first appeared in the April 30, 2004, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

20 years ago



SU Drum archive

Robert Baker killed this mountain lion in Hondo Canyon area. The lion should place in the top ten in the record books according to Lance Taylor of Taylor Guide and Outfitters who guided the hunt.

This photo first appeared in the April 29, 1984, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

30 years ago



SU Drum archive

Theresa Harlan helped the Lady Cats to victory.

This photo first appeared in the May 4, 1984, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

RED CEDAR GATHERING COMPANY
NATURAL GAS GATHERING AND TREATING

Cordially invites
Tribal Members
to our 20 Year Celebration

Friday, May 9, 2014
5 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
Sky Ute Fair Grounds
200 East Highway 151
Ignacio, CO

Please join us for food, fun, and Live Music!

Celebrating
20
Years
1994 - 2014

Dept. of the Interior Oil and Gas Royalty question and answer sessions

You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located. Please bring any documents you would like to discuss, Thursday, June 5 at BIA- Southern Ute Agency from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and at the Southern Ute Senior Center from 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact John Roach at the Office of the Special Trustee at 970-563-1013 or Tom Piccirilli of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SURVEYING OF BP PIPELINES BY HELICOPTER BEGINS

Beginning Monday May 5 about mid-morning, we will begin surveying BP's pipelines via a helicopter equipped with a leak detection system. In addition to identifying any possible leaks, the crew will also be searching for other pipeline integrity issues within our pipeline Rights of Way including pipeline wash-outs, ground disturbance, and other unusual activity near our lines. This task will continue for about 10 - 14 days.

RED CEDAR GATHERING CO. TO CELEBRATE 20 YEARS

Please join us for Red Cedar Gathering Company's 20th Anniversary Party on Friday, May 9 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at the Sky Ute Event Center. Red Cedar was formed in 1994, and this year marks 20 years of continued success. Food, fun, & music!

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

Southern Ute Tribal Members, Be sure to check your mailboxes because the Southern Ute Growth Fund will be mailing out an Employment Survey to help recruit Southern Ute Tribal Members into full

time, part time or temporary positions within the Growth Fund. Any contact information provided, name, telephone number or email, will be used to contact you regarding potential positions. Your participation in answering these questions is greatly appreciated and as an incentive for your input, those that provide their name and contact information before June 2, 2014 will be entered to win a \$10 iTunes card or a \$10 Subway card. There is an online version if you would prefer to participate that way at www.sugf.com in the News & Events section.

FOX FIRE FARMS TASTE OF SPRING IN MAY

Fox Fire Farms is having their annual Taste of Spring event May 17 and 18. This a family oriented, 2 day event that features: Baby farm animals, live music, local artisans, tours of our historic one room school house, food, and of course Fox Fire Farms wines. May 17 and 18, from 1 to 6 p.m. each day at the Fox Fire Farms Winery, 5513 County Road 321, Ignacio Colorado. For more information all 970-563-4675 or look online at www.foxfirefarms.com/winery-and-vineyard/taste-of-spring.

SEEKING TRIBAL MEMBER LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION

The following is a list of tribal members who have served the Southern Ute Police Department. The SUPD are looking for dates and any other tribal members that we have missed. If persons, or family members of those who served, contact the SUPD with dates and any other information. Call Faren Burch, Communications with the Southern Ute Police Department at 970-563-0247, ext. 3320 or email at fburch@southernute.nsn.us.

SUPD Officers of the past

Randy Baker Sr

Wesley Baker
Eddie Box Jr.
Everett Burch
Robert Burch 1975 to 1998
Ralph Cloud
Jeannie Cook
Clement Frost
Jack Frost Jr.
Jack Frost Sr.
Stanley Frost
Vincent Grove
Frank Howe
Elwood Kent
Elizabeth Kent
Alden Naranjo
Elaine Newton
James Price
Irving Red
Bryce Red
Howard Richards Sr.
Williams Richards Sr.

Zachary Rock
William Thompson
Robert "Buddy" Taylor
Henry Taylor
Mark Torres
Stafford Washington
Art Weaver - retired 1986

SUPD Reserves

San Jean Burch
Alan Herrera
Gerald Howe
Daniella Howe
Francis Pena
Ivan Red
Ann Weaver

SUPD Dispatch

Gayla Cloud
Floranne Howe
Daniel Weaver

SUCCM UPDATE

MUSEUM TO HOST DANCE FESTIVAL

Come celebrate with us, the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, for our first Annual Dance Festival! We will be hosting our first free annual dance festival featuring live band and dance performances! Vendors are welcome and will receive a free reserved space. Saturday, May 17, with the festival kicking off at 10 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m.! Adults and children of all ages are welcome! For more information please call 970-563-9583. Follow Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/succm>

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum is looking for five contemporary and traditional Native American artists from the Four Corners region to participate in the Art Leadership Program. This is a grant project in collaboration with the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) Smithsonian Institution. Selected artists will work with the SUCCM Collections Manager and conduct research at local museums, present art talks, receive professional management training, and lead a youth public art project. Requirements-Native artists well qualified to research Native objects in museum and other collections,

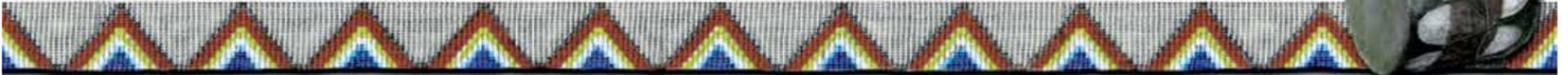
document their work, and network at the local institutional level. Application deadline is May 30. Contact Blenda Ortiz, acting Collections Manager at 970-563-0100 ext. 3606, email: bortiz@southernute-nsn.gov, for more information and application.

SUCCM CLOSED, APRIL 25 - MAY 12

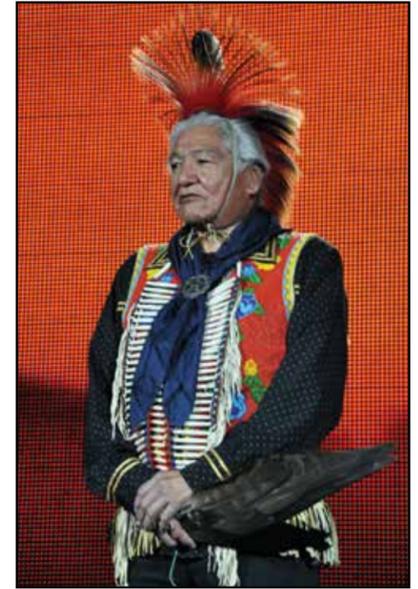
The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum will be closed for two weeks, from April 25 to May 12, due to inventory. Regular business hours will resume Tuesday, May 13. We apologize for any inconvenience; thank you. For more information, call Anthony Porambo at 970-563-0100, ext. 3600.

MUSEUM ROOM RENTAL POLICY

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) would like to remind everyone on the room rental policy for our classrooms and kitchen. Any and all room rentals for the museum must go through Venessa Carel, Executive Planner, 970-563-0100 ext. 3605 or 970-563-9583. We will make arrangements to accommodate your room rental and confirm your reservation placing you on our master calendar. We would also like to remind everyone that our floors are very expensive so please use all caution as to not damage them.



The Southern Ute dancers and Southern Ute Royalty pose with Growth Fund Executive Director, Bruce Valdez before the opening session of the RIMS Conference and Exhibition in Denver, Monday April 28 at the Colorado Convention Center. The group gave a Bear Dance presentation to over 2,000 RIMS convention participants, before doing a meet-and-greet in the exhibits hall.



Southern Ute Tribal elder Alden Naranjo Jr., gave the opening blessing and welcome on behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



Janelle Doughty places a shawl on the shoulders of RIMS President, Carolyn M. Snow before she participated in the Bear Dance.



Southern Ute Royalty poses with the author of 'The Real Wolf of Wall Street,' Jordan Belfort. Belfort was the opening keynote speaker during the RIMS General Session.

Presenting at RIMS

The Southern Ute Culture Department was invited to give an opening blessing and a Bear Dance presentation during the opening session of the RIMS (The Risk Management Society) Annual Conference and Exhibition in Denver at the Colorado Convention Center, Monday, April 28. Over 2,000 participants viewed the event. The convention was attended by over 10,000 people and streamed worldwide.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

Southern Ute Indian Tribe upcoming cultural dates

- **May 23:** Ute Nations Day, Bear Dance Grounds (8:30 a.m.)
- **May 23:** Bear Dance Kick-off luncheon, Bear Dance Grounds (12 p.m.)
- **May 23 - 26:** Southern Ute Bear Dance, Bear Dance Grounds
- **May 23-24:** Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow, Sky Ute Fairgrounds
- **May 26:** Bear Dance Feast, Bear Dance Grounds
- **May 26:** Day of Remembrance, Veterans Memorial Park - Procession to Bear Dance Bridge/Ouray Cemetary (10 a.m.)
- **May 26:** Southern Ute tribal offices closed (Memorial Day)
- **July 10 - 14:** Southern Ute Sun Dance, Sun Dance Grounds
- **July 14:** Southern Ute Sun Dance Feast, Sun Dance Grounds
- **July 14:** Southern Ute tribal offices closed
- **Sept. 12-14:** SU Tribal Fair & Powwow, Sky Ute Fairgrounds

See a complete list of Bear Dance week events below.

CULTURAL UPDATE

CULTURE DEPARTMENT TO REMAIN OPEN

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum has announced they will be closed for two weeks, from April 25 through May 12. During this time, the Culture Department will remain open and accessible through the breezeway doors and the Culture Department stairwell. The elevators are limited to use by tribal elders and handicapped individuals only during this time. All Culture Department activities and events will continue as scheduled. Please use the Culture Department doorbell to gain access into the offices.

94TH ANNUAL SO. UTE TRIBAL FAIR THEME & LOGO CONTEST

The Southern Ute Culture Department would like to announce the 2014 Logo and Theme Contest for the 94th Annual Southern Ute Fair. This contest is open to ALL Ute members. All medias of art will be accepted until May 30 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no bigger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork must be signed by the artists. Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Dept. and will be featured on all items associated with the 94th Annual Southern Ute Fair. A stipend will be rewarded to the winner plus one t-shirt with the fair logo and theme. Winner will do a short interview with the Public Relations Department or may write a short paragraph explaining the logo and theme which will be featured in the 2014 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES! Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Department PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 or contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

BEAR DANCE CONCESSION RATES

The Culture Department will be taking applications for the upcoming Southern Ute Bear Dance Concession/Arts and Crafts booths, to be held at the Bear Dance grounds. This will NOT coincide with the Bear Dance Powwow. First come first serve!

The rates are as follows:

- Outside corral stand, daily rate : \$55
- Outside corral rate (4 days): \$220
- Inside corral stand, daily rate: \$55 plus a \$25 key deposit.
- Inside corral stand (4 days): \$220 plus a \$25 key deposit (ABSOLUTELY NO FLAME COOKING INSIDE STANDS).

It is at the discretion of the Culture Department to put you in a Space, NO swapping or saving places will be allowed! If you will be applying for a food booth you must have a current food handler's card. You can apply for a food handler's card online at www.IHS.gov. You may pick up your application at the Southern Ute Culture Department. No checks or credit cards will be accepted, strictly cash or money order ONLY! For more information please contact Darlene Frost or Tara Vigil at Southern Ute Culture Department, 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.

SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE HEAD COOK WANTED

The Bear Dance Chief is looking for a head cook for the 2014 Southern Ute Bear Dance Feast. All supplies and food will be provided. Head cook will need to prepare: stew, corn, fry bread, watermelon, and serve. A stipend will be provided. Southern Ute Tribal Member preference will be given for the head cook. If you are interested please call Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.

2014 Southern Ute Bear Dance Events

Wednesday May 14—Bear Dance Workshop 9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Sky Ute Events Center by Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box Open to the public
Info: Tara Vigil 970-563-0100 ext. 3624 or Matthew Box 970-759-7038

Tuesday May 20-21—NAGPRA Conference • Tribal Members, Tribal Leaders, Staff, Anyone interested in learning about the law—Cultural Center Large Classroom
Info: Cassandra Naranjo, NAGPRA Coordinator Apprentice 970-563-0100 ext. 3628

Thursday May 22—Ute Social & Round Dance—10:00 AM Pot Luck 5:00 PM Round Dance 7:00 PM Open to all Utes Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility
Info: 970-563-0100 ext. 3620

FRIDAY MAY 23, 2014 Events

Friday May 23—Ute Nation Day—Honoring Tribal Member Police Southern Ute/Ute Mountain Ute/Northern Ute/Jicarilla—8:30 AM
Bear Dance Grounds—Info: 970-563-0100 ext. 3620 or Joyeelyn at 970-563-4802

Opening of Bear Dance 10:00 AM—Bear Dance Corral

Bear Dance Kick-Off Lunch - Noon Bear Dance Grounds south of the corral

Pow Wow— Sky Ute Fair Grounds Info: Edward Box III 970-779-8940

5:00 PM—Registration Opens 5:00-6:30 PM—Gourd Dance

7:00 PM—Grand Entry

SATURDAY MAY 24, 2014

Bear Dance 10:00 AM—Night Dancing Bear Dance Corral

Pow Wow Sky Ute Fair Grounds Info: Edward Box III 970-779-8940

11:00 AM—12:30 PM—Gourd Dance 12:00 PM—Registration Closes

1:00 PM—Grand Entry 5:00-6:30 PM—Gourd Dance

7:00 PM—Evening Grand Entry

SUNDAY MAY 25, 2014

Bear Dance 10:00 AM—Night Dancing Bear Dance Corral

Hand Game Tournament—1:00 PM—Bear Dance Campgrounds North Side

Info: Joyeelyn Dutchie 970-563-0100 ext. 2306 or 970-563-4802

MONDAY MAY 26, 2014

Bear Dance—10:00 AM—Sunset— Bear Dance Corral

Day of Remembrance—Honoring All Who Served 10:00 AM

Southern Ute Veteran's Memorial Park Info: Rod Grove 970-749-7361

Bear Dance Feast—Noon Bear Dance Grounds south of the Corral

Call the Culture Department for more information 970-563-0100 ext. 3620





Earth Day clean-up



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Ignacio High School students smiled and waved as they picked up trash on County Road 318 April, 30 as a part of their Earth Day contribution.

RECREATION

SunUte undergoes renovations

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

A newly renovated gymnasium floor will soon grace the SunUte Community Center, allowing facility members to continue their routines in a much safer environment. Soon, shooting hoops and scoring kickball goals will have reduced accidents following a new finish to the gymnasium's surface. Additionally, the community center's group exercise room will also be getting an update.

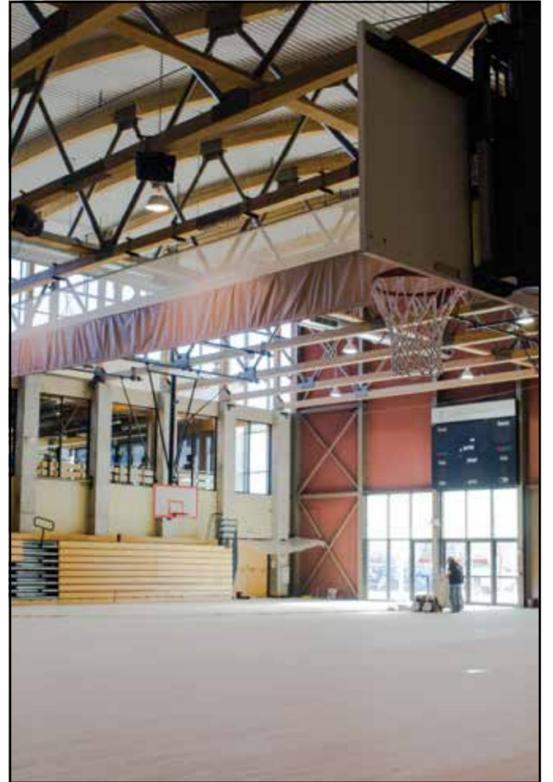
According to SunUte Assistant Facility Operations Manager, Dwane Reed, renovation plans for the gymnasium started back in October 2013. Due to the spaces' high volume use by a variety of programming through the winter, the actual plan to resurface started in April 2014. The April project was put on hold after discovering the existing floor finish would not adhere properly to the new floor finish.

"When we started planning the project, the floor had no traction," Reed said. "People were slipping and falling. In order to maintain the wood floors, there has to be a finish on it and should be able to give the athletes traction. It lost that ability, so in order to maintain the floors you have to put a finish on it ever so often."

The facility was opened in 2001 and has since stayed up to date with renovations, accommodating members with a nicer building yearlong.

"There's no doubt the floor will look good," Kristi Garnanez said, community center director. "We're adding new lines to what we currently have. We're going to add a new three-point line to the collegiate size court and two volleyball midlines on the high school regulation sized courts."

SunUte staff wants mem-



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center is expected to re-open May 11 after the facilities' resurfacing project.

bers to be aware that the entire facility will be closed from May 1 through May 11 for full restoration. The resurfacing project will emit fumes throughout the facility, possibly becoming unbearable for members. However, the use of advanced equipment has allowed the renovation to move quicker than expected.

"We'll re-open seven to eight days earlier than anticipated," said Garnanez. "The timeframe that was given to us was initially based off of equipment [the workers] are using. They came down and brought bigger [machinery] and this has sped up the process."

Members who take part in group exercise classes that involve the exercise room can rest assure as the group classes will be relocated. During resurfacing, members can meet with Sage Frane, group exercise coor-

inator, and other instructors at the SunUte Park behind the facility Monday through Friday.

Additionally, the Boys & Girls Club has been relocated to Ignacio High School, and Active Kid Care will be held at the SunUte playground at no charge for the morning and evening classes only.

SunUte will be providing its members with an extension on their membership for the days it's closed. Facility members who have concerns with affected closure dates can call the community center at 970-563-0214.

"The ultimate goal is to have a nice facility for our tribal members and our community so they can be proud with what they have," said Dwane Reed. "Sometimes it's unfortunate, but you have to close your doors to work on the things that keep the facility as nice as it is."

The Southern Ute Division of Social Services is seeking foster homes for tribal children

You can make a difference in a child life, when YOU become a foster care provider. A child will never forget you when you reach out and show that LOVE and CARING help.

Remember, it takes a village to raise a child. Let's come together and OPEN our HOME, our HEART and provide a safe home for the Children in the community in time of their crisis. When we become a foster parent we are keeping our heritage and our traditional values Live on through our Tribal children for the future generation to come.

A story of young lady

When I was 6 years old, my aunt took me into her family home and raised me along with her own children. She was not rich, but she had a heart and love to share with me. She was the most caring and kind person. If it was not for her, I don't where I would be now. I am thankful that my aunt stepped forward to provide me with a SAFE HOME and LOVE She allowed me keep me connected - to my heritage and tradition.



Saturday, May 17 • Ignacio, CO

Registration: 8 a.m.
Start: 8:45 a.m.
Start location TBD

Sponsored by the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program

Information:

Amber Doughty
970-563-0100 ext. 2344

Deanna Frost
970-563-4741

12th Annual Four Corners Walking Together for Healthier Nations



May 9, 2014
Reg: 6 am
Start: 7 am

19 Mile Walk

Ute Mountain Visitor Center to Four Corners Monument

All Participants that walk 3 miles will receive a FREE t-shirt. We encourage all walkers to wear good walking shoes, a cap, and plenty of sunscreen. Come and join us at the starting point and walk to the Four Corners Monument.

For More Information Contact Shining Mountain Diabetes Program

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SUNUTE UPDATE

"To expand and improve the quality of life for the Southern Ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities."

SUNUTE CLOSURES

Following is a breakdown as to what parts of the facility will be closed and when.

- **April 29-May 18:** The gymnasium will be closed to sand, apply 2 coats of finish, paint new lines, new finish and allow proper cure time.
- **May 9-16:** The group exercise room

will be closed to sand, apply 2 coats to finish and allow proper cure time.

- **May 1-4 and May 13-16:** The entire SunUte facility will be closed due to the potential heavy fumes from the application process.

Thank you for your patience. Any questions please call 970-563-0214.

Health Careers Camp Summer 2014



8th, 9th and 10th Graders from eight counties: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Montezuma, Ouray, San Juan & San Miguel are invited to attend this 3-day exciting overnight camp on the campus of Fort Lewis College in Durango.

Guided by camp staff, students will explore the many fields of the healthcare industry. Students will have fun AND learn through hands-on activities and meet professionals from a variety of health occupations.

Southern Ute Students Grades 8-10 Spaces Limited- Sign up by May 9th

Save the Date June 11, 12, 13 Don't miss these Super Fun-filled Days!

Contact Julie Stone (970) 563-0237 ext. 2778 jstone@southernute-nsn.gov



CORE GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS • FROM PAGE 1

According to Tribal Council Treasurer, Pathimi GoodTracks, identifying core government functions is not a new idea.

"It has been considered by past council's as one of the only tools to determine how the tribe is currently spending its money, where the tribe should be spending its money, and if the tribe and tribal membership are actually receiving the full benefit of those expenditures," continued GoodTracks, "this is the first time Tribal Council has completed the process and agrees it will be an effective tool once everything is in place."

Tribal Council took a survey to rank programs provided, relative to the core government activities of the constitution. From these rankings, Tribal Council and the administration can focus on opportunities for modification to increase the value of services and programs to the membership.

Monte Mills, director of the tribe's Legal Department, has been instrumental

in guiding Tribal Council through this process.

"Tribal Council allocated twenty hours a week, for two weeks, a half-a-day everyday to rank all of the programs that are provided by the Permanent Fund. It is consistent with Tribal Council's objective of elevating and making everything more efficient."

Currently, the Permanent Fund government services have been ranked on a scale from one to five, with one being the highest and five the lowest.

Once the results are assessed, through the administration, Tribal Council can deliver these results to the staff based on the rankings, so when departments are outlining budgets, these rankings and guiding principles will help them define where the needs are within that particular program.

According to Acting Chairman, Mike Olguin, keeping the guiding principles in mind should become a natural part of the budget process.

"The process should be

done every three years so budget owners automatically know what we expect. This will help us define what programs need to be reconstructed or eliminated based on the services it's providing to the membership. This can also open up opportunities for us to add or expand on services that might serve the membership in ways we haven't thought of yet," Olguin said.

GoodTracks acknowledges that there may be some hiccups in the process to begin with, but overall it is a good exercise for the Permanent Fund.

"It may take the revision of departmental missions, re-prioritizing the type of work and how it is performed, and/or review of current projects to ensure alignment is being achieved," continued GoodTracks. "In any case, it will be necessary for tribal administrations to track the progress of these operations so any challenges encountered are quickly addressed, and to ensure they stay on course throughout the coming years."

GOV'T-TO-GOV'T RELATIONS • FROM PAGE 1

primarily to the tribe because many employees, including potential new hires, would like to live closer to work.

"We employ a lot of people, but one of the big questions now is 'Where do they live?' " he said. "The big picture is we have to start working with our local government here to see what we can do to bring housing."

The issue affects not just tribal employees, but also employees of those organizations with which the tribe routinely works, such as the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs' Southern Ute Agency in Ignacio, Olguin said.

"We're assisting the agency in finding good-quality candidates, but the question now is going to be 'Where do they live?'" he said.

Another key relationship is with the City of Durango. As the city closest to the reservation, it offers unique opportunities for the tribe – such as a potential hub for commercial development, which the tribe has begun to invest in heavily at its Three Springs development, Olguin said.

"Now we're developing in the city limits of Durango, especially Three Springs," he said, adding that the city and its new mayor, Sweetie Marbury, seem eager to engage. "I think she's open to a positive relationship with the tribe."

Historically the tribe has had less interaction with two other nearby towns, Bayfield and Pagosa Springs, but Olguin said that should change.

"I think it's just a matter of us talking to them," he said. "Bayfield is less than a mile from the reservation line."

LOCAL COUNTIES

Zooming out a bit, the next level of government with which the tribe works is counties. Recently, the tribe and La Plata County celebrated a victory of collaboration when the two parties signed a global right-of-way agreement Wednesday, April 9 that granted the county permission to regulate traffic on county roads on tribal lands.

"We may be the first tribe and county ... to actually

have a global right of way in Indian Country," Olguin said at the signing.

Olguin said the tribe has a positive working relationship with La Plata – it's worth noting that one of the three county commissioners, Julie Westendorff, is a former Southern Ute tribal prosecutor – and the tribe should strive to build something similar with Montezuma and Archuleta counties.

"Why reinvent the wheel with Archuleta when we've kind of forged the path for La Plata and the tribe to work together?" he said.

STATE OF COLORADO

On the state level, many in Indian Country view Colorado's relationship with Indian tribes as a model to be followed. The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs is a state-sponsored entity headed by Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia that hosts quarterly meetings with leaders of the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes and state department heads. The commission's current executive director is Ernest House Jr., a Ute Mountain Ute tribal member.

But Olguin said the tribe could be doing more with the commission to affect meaningful change, rather than just getting together to talk every few months.

"To me, it seems like we should be doing more with that organization," he said, "[to] really use CCAA to the benefit of the tribes."

One step toward strengthening the bond is in the works: Gov. John Hickenlooper is slated to visit the reservation Friday, May 30 to sign into law a bill codifying various tax practices as they relate to tribal members, Olguin said. It would be the first time, to either party's knowledge, that a Colorado state governor has visited an Indian reservation to sign a bill.

"We're going to give him a brief tour and highlight for him what the opportunities are," Olguin said. "The governor needs to see this. He's got another corner of the state where, from a business perspective, we're doing a lot."

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The tribe interacts with a number of federal agencies regularly – but, Olguin said, because of its prosperity its success doesn't depend on federal resources as heavily as many other tribes.

"The comment is 'Well, Southern Ute's the leader,'" he said. "Now that more and more people are saying it, it's becoming part of our vocabulary."

Over time, the tribe has entered into contracts to assume oversight of many of its own services, from law enforcement to health care, for which other tribes still depend on the federal government. But that doesn't mean the tribe has no expectation of help; statutory duties that belong to the BIA and other agencies are still important, he said.

Olguin said the council has worked closely with BIA Southern Ute Agency Superintendent John Wacanda on the services the BIA provides, but there's room for improvement. He said the tribe is willing to share expertise to facilitate BIA fulfilling its duties going forward.

"There's a huge opportunity for him to bank on the tribe, to help him help us," Olguin said. "That relationship will have to be built to preserve what little amount of momentum we've got."

In Washington, D.C., the tribe has become increasingly active in voicing its positions regarding legislation that would have consequences not just at home, but across Indian Country. Tribal Council members have provided written and spoken testimony in the halls of Congress on a number of issues, from eliminating unnecessary layers of bureaucracy to supporting hydraulic fracturing in oil wells.

"Having those types of relationships with people on the hill, whether it's energy or whether it's agriculture" is key, Olguin said. "We need to really get out there and use our opportunities."

COUNCIL REVIEWS FINANCIALS • FROM PAGE 1

GoodTracks noting that the tribe has exceeded the original plans' expectations – the original plan was supposed to last for 25 years, he said.

Keeping the plan up-to-date is a challenge in and of itself, but council is also tasked with making critical decisions that will impact future members, GoodTracks said.

"When reviewing the plan, the current membership are not the only ones to consider, we have to think about those who made sacrifices in the past and those 50 to 100 years from now," she said. "We want to leave them [future tribal members] better off than we are today, just like the ones before us did."

One of the main focuses of the review is to ensure preparations are in place when the time comes that the tribe's financial strength begins to decline, GoodTracks said.

"The tribe should always know what to do, whether times are good or bad," she said.

To keep the plan moving fluidly, GoodTracks and Cloud mentioned that there is discussion about having a long-term individual on board who knows the Financial Plan extensively.

There are new councilmembers almost every election. And Tribal Council often loses precious time bringing newcomers up to speed on the logistics of the Financial Plan, Cloud said.

"You know, we were all part of a different piece of the plan. Some know about the beginning and others know about different parts," he said. "Having someone that knows the ins-and-outs of the plan would help answer questions more easily and help future leaders understand it."

Another part of the plan that can be over-looked

is how the plan empowers the tribe's sovereignty, Cloud said.

"Having this plan in place helps us keep our sovereignty," he said. "Other tribe's are fighting for their sovereignty but we are able to take care of our own people and spend our money they way we want to."

The Financial Plan has also helped the Southern Ute Indian Tribe become a financially prominent tribe throughout Indian Country, Cloud said.

"We are a 'model' tribe ... we've built our reputation by exercising our sovereignty and we have ensured that we are stable, and a lot of that comes from being good planners."

The plan is complex and requires careful review, GoodTracks said.

"There are no over night changes ... it's not an easy process – it's an ongoing process."

APPRENTICE PROGRAM PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY • FROM PAGE 1

would be way harder and way over my head ... I would probably be lost and much more intimidated if I didn't do the apprentice program."

Not only is their boss a mentor, the apprentice is also mentored by other employees within their work

environment, Frost said.

"You only get out of it what you put into it," she said. "You have to watch everyone around you and learn as much as you can about everyone's position ... take advantage of coaching and stay open-minded."

In addition to on-the-job training some apprentices get to travel around the country to receive professional training, Naranjo said.

"My first day as an apprentice, I traveled to a training to learn about NAG-PRA," Naranjo said.

There are currently seven apprentices working for the tribe and four-apprentice openings on the tribal website. Past apprentice, Frost, encourages the membership to participate in the program.

"Each individual has their own personal life experienc-

es and that's what will make them an asset for the tribe ... participating in the apprenticeship program gives you [tribal members] the opportunity to be apart of your tribal government," she said.

Collins, who was not offered a job at the end of

the apprenticeship, agrees with Frost, the membership should be interested in the program, Collins said.

"It gives people the opportunity they need ... if you get the job or not you're able to carry that experience with you," she said.

SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE

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BEAR DANCE CORRAL BLESSING
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BEAR DANCE FEAST
12 P.M. MONDAY, MAY 26, 2014
BEAR DANCE GROUNDS

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In cooperation with
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May 26, 2014

Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park
10am



Fair provides opportunity



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Students of the Ignacio school district got an in depth look at various career options during the informative Career Fair held inside the Sky Ute Casino Event Center on Thursday, April 17. Students from elementary through high school paid a visit to the various career and education related booths where they gathered job information, took part in activities, and received plenty of free treats. Tyson Thompson from construction services demonstrates to a visiting student just how heavy a typical chainsaw actually is.

A variety of booths lay throughout the event center, providing treats like pencils, handbags, and cell phone chargers for students to take home. Over thirty different associations from La Plata County were present.



Crafting art through voice



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

1st place winner, Kiefer Goodtracks-Alires displays his colorful piece titled *Alcoholism Takes Away Pride*, another winner in the Acrylic category. Goodtracks states that alcohol related issues across the reservation inspired his work.

Keiston Goodtracks-Alires smiles next to his third-place winning art piece titled *Anti-Abortion*. The piece was inspired by Goodtracks' personal viewpoints and won its rank in the Acrylic category for the Intermountain League Art Show.



Tribal member produce pick-up reminder

Tribal Members just a quick reminder, if you have purchased produce please stop by and pick up by Friday. Our Open House is Monday and we are trying to get all produce picked up to make room for our event. We do have a little extra that we ordered in. If you missed out or would like to purchase a little extra please let us know.

What we have extras of:

- Pinto beans (12) 2#
- Anasazi beans (15) 1#, (2) 4#, (2) 20#
- Red Rose flour (2) 5#, (5) 10#, (2) 25#, (1) 50#
- White Rose flour (6) 10#, (1) 50#
- Blue Bird flour (5) 10#
- Whole Wheat flour (3) 5#, (1) 10#
- Blue Corn Meal (19 bags)

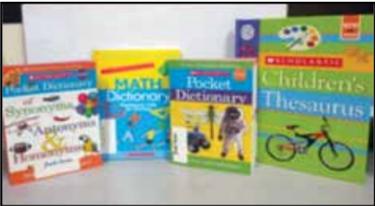
"Mystery Word"

Sponsored By Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Recently, Ms. Carol Olguin presented a set of reference materials to each SUIMA family for use at home. These reference materials included: Pocket Dictionary, Math Dictionary, Children's Thesaurus, and Dictionary of Synonyms, Antonyms and Homonyms. Ms. Mari Jo Owen's Upper Elementary classroom of 4th, 5th and 6th year students did a Dictionary lesson which included finding a "Mystery Word" for families to figure out at home using the dictionary sets that Ms. Carol gave them.

THE CLUES FOR TODAY'S MYSTERY WORD ARE:

1. Use the Pocket Dictionary.
2. Turn towards the back of the "N" section.
3. This word means a short tube or opening on a house or pipe.



(Clues by Jonas Nanaeto, 6th year)
Here is the SCRAMBLED answer. (zonlez)
Did you get it?



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We asked La Plata County youth to nominate positive adult role models and are pleased to honor the winners and nominees for



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EDUCATION UPDATE

SHOP AT THE YARD SALE EXTRAVANGANZA

Saturday, May 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ignacio High School (old elementary school) parking lot. Over 10 booths! You just might find what you've been looking for!

JOM COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 5

The Johnson-O'Malley Committee meeting will be at the Southern Ute Education Department on Monday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a Johnson-O'Malley Committee member come to the meeting, the committee has a vacancies to fill. Must be a parent/guardian of a student currently enrolled in the Ignacio or Bayfield School District. Contact Ellen S. Baker at the Education Office for more information. The JOM meeting is an open meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Dept. of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 16 and shall state the basis for the

nomination. For more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

1. Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
2. Deserving
3. A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
4. Interest in continuing his or her education
5. Interest in serving the Tribe and the community
6. Approved by the Southern Ute Department of Education

PROUD PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Is there an event going on at your child's school or a graduation/transition/award that your child will be receiving that you would like covered by the Drum or representation from the Education Department? If so, please contact the Education Department 970-563-0237 at least one week prior to the event, or the Drum 970-563-0118 or feel free to submit your own photo to the Drum. We'd like to support all students and can do this best by having you as parents/guardians keeping us informed.

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TECH TALK

MIS to offer computer classes

Mick Souder
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Management Information Systems (MIS) is offering classes on various software tools this spring and early summer. ServicePRO/HelpSTAR Ticketing System - This class is intended for Directors and Division Heads and will cover the recent upgrades/changes to the Executive Office Customer Service ticketing system. Bring questions and comments, as we all learn from them.

Because these classes use the computers in the MIS Training Center, space is limited. To enroll please send an email to Mary E.S. Monte, mmonte@southernute-nsn.gov telling her

which class or classes you are signing up for and your preferred date of the classes. Please include your phone number and email address. Signing up ensures your place in the class and allows MIS to notify you in the event of schedule changes.

The full training schedule is listed below.

COMPUTER LITERACY - BASIC USE

This class will cover the very basics of computer use. Logging in, file opening and saving, file organization, internet/browser use, text editing and email use will be covered. This class is intended for personnel that are new to computers and would like to know how to get started.

INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT OUTLOOK 2010

This class will cover further functions within Exchange email; Marking messages for follow-up, creating Tasks and sharing them, Creating calendar events and Inviting other personnel, as well as categorizing emails for organization purposes.

INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT POWERPOINT 2010

This class will cover the use of audio and video playback features, using animations, and the use of Master Pages for easy building.

MIS scheduled training topics and times

- ServicePRO/HelpSTAR Ticketing System, Wednesday, April 30, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Computer Literacy - Basic Computer Use, Wednesday, May 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Intermediate Microsoft Outlook 2010, Wednesday, May 28, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- ServicePRO/HelpSTAR Ticketing System, Wednesday, June 11, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Computer Literacy - Basic Computer Use, Wednesday, June 18, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Intermediate Microsoft Outlook 2010, Wednesday, June 25, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Intermediate Microsoft PowerPoint 2010, Wednesday, July 2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Computer Literacy - Basic Computer Use, Wednesday, July 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Intermediate Microsoft Outlook 2010, Wednesday, July 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- ServicePRO/HelpSTAR Ticketing System, Wednesday, July 23, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Banquet honors students



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The 28th Annual Academic Awards Banquet honored more than fifty students this year from grades 6th through 12th, all who have earned a 3.5 G.P.A. or higher. On Monday, April 28, students and family joined in the Ignacio Middle School cafeteria where dinner was provided, all while congratulating their fellow peers for an evening of celebration.



High School freshman, Tori Archuleta, displays her certificate with pride. She was awarded for her academic successes of obtaining a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

8th grader, Avionne Gomez shows off her academic award with a smile of joy.

For a full list of awarded recipients, please visit www.sudrum.com.

Bobcats of the month



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn: Kalia Olguin Anthony, Ayden Barry, Marquise Cibrian, Adarene Cruz, Aletza Flores, Sonny Flores, Damien Lucero, Letreece Richards, Adilyne Richards, Donovan Watts, Keona Whitey and Bruce Wilson-Baker.



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Place-Based lessons include:

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- Games and life ways with a local expert from Anasazi Heritage Center
- Exploration of Colorado Plateau animal tracks and signs
- Preparing traditional foods
- Paper-making with native plants and seeds

When: June 18th-20th 2014

Where: Meet at the Southern Ute Department of Education building then depart for Monticello, Utah

Who: Southern Ute Students grades 6,7,& 8

Food and camping gear provided, all costs are covered.

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Contact Julie Stone (970) 563-0237 ext.2778 jstone@southernute-nsn.gov



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Sudden Science (Grds. 3-5)

May 7 Class

May 14 Last class

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SOUTHERN UTE HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION MEETINGS

MONDAY, MAY 12TH & JUNE 5TH

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(PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THE MEETINGS)

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REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
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Calling All Native Cooks

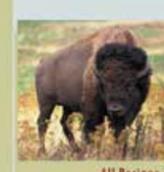


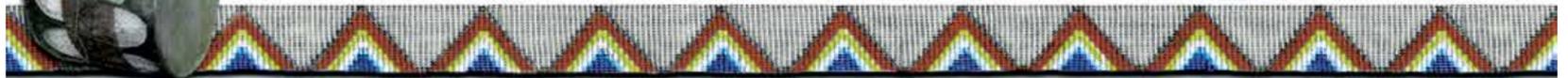
WE NEED YOU! The Cultural Department is asking for any Buffalo Recipes, cooking tips and Volunteers for the upcoming cooking classes and Buffalo Cook book.

JOIN! For More Information Contact

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All Recipes and Suggestions are Greatly Appreciated
Recipes may be featured in the New Buffalo Cook Book!!!!



EGGstravanganza!

First year coordinator, Southern Ute Community Officer, Jessie Vigil had his hands full with the vast numbers of eggs and kids that attended the annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Southern Ute Police Department, Saturday, April 19 at the SunUte Multi-purpose fields.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Even the younger of the Easter egg hunters' needed a little help collecting all the eggs.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Tribal elder, Debra Watts celebrated her birthday opening Easter eggs filled with treats and rewards for her grandchildren.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Easter bunny made an entrance via the Los Pinos Fire Dept. fire truck and was greeted with smiles from the children.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Easter egg hunt volunteer JoAnn Gomez of Victim Services, reads the prize to the children won during the Easter egg hunt.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

A few of the winners at the Easter egg hunt, won bikes, razors, scooters, skateboards, games and more.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Police Department show their holiday cheer during the Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 19 along with their furry friend.

Bikers at the academy



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Ebony Gomez and Dillon Thompson enjoy their 'bike time' while on the road for Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's annual bike rodeo.



Kathleen Taylor looks both ways – one of the many instructions given to students – on April 25 for the Southern Ute Montessori Academy's annual bike rodeo.

Head Start field day



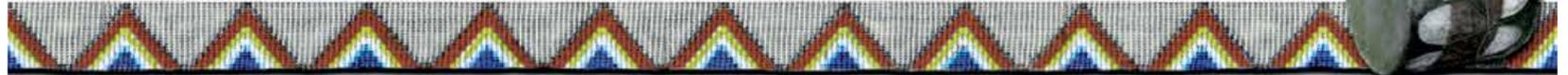
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Going for a ride was one of the more popular activities at the field day. Head Start students got to hitch a ride on the tractor-train and act like they were driving while they got pulled around the parking lot.



Students at the Head Start field day try to walk the plank on Thursday, April 24 at SunUte multi-purpose fields.

Craig Hight Jr., tries to make the ring around the cone, one of the many games the kids got to play at the Head Start field day.



The beauty of Gathering of Nations Powwow

The 31st Annual Gathering of Nations, the biggest powwow in North America, returned to The Pit arena April 24 – 26 in Albuquerque, NM. This year's event totaled a number of 4,000-plus dancers from more than 700 tribes from throughout the world, including more than 800 native artists, craftsmen, and vendors.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Live music, stand-up comedy acts, and routines performed by various tribes provided a diverse experience for everyone. The Chichimeca tribe (pictured) brought their traditional dance routine to the Gathering as countless attendees flocked to their act.



Amber Doughty flashes a smile inside The Pit arena before the opening grand entry ceremony. This year's Gathering of Nations joined a total of more than 4,000 competing dancers and singers while striving to be a positive cultural experience for everyone.



Traditional imagery and colorful regalia filled the arena from top to bottom while drum beats and chants shrouded the airwaves. Numerous vendors kept customers interested with cultural novelties, and attendees cheered loudly for their favorite dancers, tribes, and drummers.

Celebrating 50 years of Hozhoni Days

Known as one of the longest running events at Ft. Lewis College, Hozhoni Days celebrated its 50th birthday on Friday, April 18 inside the Whalen Gymnasium with more than 120 Native American and Alaskan Native tribes represented in the college's student body. Select special dances took place including the women's jingle dress and men's fancy dance.



Andrew and Lisa Frost dance together as part of the Hozhoni Days Grand Entry ceremony, featuring more than a hundred dancers.



In addition to the traditional dances, select special dances took place including the women's jingle dress, men's fancy dance, and boy's tiny tot special.

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The Southern Ute Drum



A colorful fancy dancer gives a lively spectacle as he makes his way through the auditorium during the men's fancy dance. Jingle dress, fancy shawl, and traditional dance styles were among those performed.

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NIZHONI DAYS CELEBRATION

Gathering of Nations, not the only gig in town

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MISS INDIAN UNM PAGEANT

The Miss Indian UNM Pageant was held April 21, at UNM Keller Hall. This year's Miss Indian UNM pageant had three contestants; Alicia Tsosie, Tia Benally, both of the Navajo Nation, and Melodie Cruz from Ohkay Owingeh.

Each contestant was required to present a traditional talent and answer a randomly selected question on an Indigenous issue. Points were tallied before the competition for fundraising, and a written essay. The talent portion of the competition was varied and included, the Butterfly Dance from Ohkay Owingeh by Cruz, a health care skit in Navajo by Benally, and a traditional Navajo song sung by Tsosie.

Tsosie was named Miss Congeniality and runner-up. Melodie Cruz was crowned Miss Indian UNM 2014.

"I'd like to thank all of the people who kept me strong," Cruz said upon receiving her title.

The first place prizes included a Pendleton blanket, a \$500 scholarship, and hand-made pottery.



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Pageant contestants vying for the 2014 Miss Indian UNM crown from left to right: Melodie Cruz from Ohkay Owingeh, Alicia Tsosie and Tia Benally, both of the Navajo Nation.

talk about anything that they may be facing in school, in their personal lives or in the community, she said.

Mary Alice Tsosie, a former KIVA Club advisor, said, "As KIVA members, students get to know what they are committed about as a Native, having community and providing growth."

A mix of 13 alums and current student KIVA members attended, discussion included finding everyone's "balance" and the power of the club as a whole. Leona Morgan, alum, led the talking circle with introductions and encouraged others to share their experience and to talk about what the club means to them.

This club is all about being there for one another as

said. "KIVA Club was really good for me because it helped me learn a lot about myself."

MUTTON KING

The 7th annual Mutton King pageant took place on April 25, hosted by Alpha Pi Omega Sorority Inc., (APiO). Six contestants were vying for the title, Cody Artis, Kyon Benally, Dexter Dee, Pablo John, Wilfred Jumbo and Amidooli Pacheco.

The pageant consisted of four categories; in the first category contestants had to give a two-minute improv story using props provided.

The second category was called "Round Dance Romance," where a song was played and each contestant, one at a time, had to wait until the song stopped and then had to complete the song by singing a verse to serenade the crowd.

The third category included two educational related questions each contestant had to answer. One of the questions involved information about UNM and the other, about the sorority.

The fourth and final category was a frybread-making contest.

Previously reigning Mutton King, Mika Boyd, handed over the brand new crown to Cody Artis, a sophomore at the University of New Mexico.

Artis, the new reigning Mutton King 2014-2015, beat out the other five contestants with 43 points.

"We really wanted to make this a fun event that allowed people to come out of their shell and have a good time." APiO member Kayla Kowemy said.

UNSETTLE

The Unsettle: Queer Indigenous Performances event was held April 25, at the University of New Mexico.

It was a night full of creative performances including music, poetry, fashion design, spoken word, videos and jewelry.

Performers were from Arizona, New Mexico and surrounding Native American communities. About 80 people attended the event.

The music was mostly electric and had a very unique sound, along with the videos and art design.

This is the first year this event has been held, co-organizer of the event, Matthew Skeets said. He started this event as a class project to just pull a few people together and it ended up turning into a huge event.

"The main reason I wanted to hold this event was to give the queer indigenous people a voice," Skeets said.

He wanted it to be held at the end of Nizhoni week to show a contrast in the theme of this event as opposed to the theme of all the other events involved in Nizhoni days.

He said he wants the queer indigenous to feel like they can express themselves in any way that they want without feeling like they have to hide who they are.

The range of performances included a reading from Lyle Yazzie (Navajo) of Star Lake, New Mexico, his poem focused on resistance and survival. Additional performances included spoken word by Asdzanii Rae, her poems - including the Navajo language and English - detailing her grandmothers weaving and her Diné identity.

Writer and advocate, Jeremy Yazzie, touched upon his struggle with drugs, alcohol, suicide and his road to sobriety through his poetry. Katrina Benally, sang and rapped about her identity including her song titled "Let's drive, let's cruise," about her upbringing in Gallup, New Mexico.

Other performances included fashion and design, with music by Discotays, a Navajo queer electronic band from northern New Mexico and southeastern Utah. For more about event check twitter for #unsettle and #indigiqueer.



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Sacred Cypher 2014, sponsored by Native Health Initiative, was a popular event that took place at the University of New Mexico Nizhoni Days 2014 event in Albuquerque, N.M.

NIZHONI POWWOW

As the sound of drumming and singing took over the University of New Mexico campus, it was apparent that the high winds couldn't stop the Nizhoni days "Honoring Our Alumni" Powwow from taking place.

The powwow was held indoors at the UNM Student Union Building ballroom where hundreds gathered and squeezed together for a celebration of community, culture and identity. The powwow culminates a week of Nizhoni Days' events. Vendors lined the entrances and walkways, as lively participants and people from the community moved in and out to see the variety of dances and events.

"It was definitely an experience, for a year we had been planning to have the powwow outside. Without the hard work of the community and KIVA club members we wouldn't have been able to pull it off," Cheyenne Antonio, KIVA Club vice president said.

There were over 90 vendors at the event, and many of them expressed relief at the lower booth costs in comparison to the Gathering of Nations.

"When UNM hosts, it has direct contrast in economic value, at UNM it's about giving back to the community, its energy is clean because it's investing in the academic area," Amidooli Pacheco, a jewelry vendor from Kewa Pueblo said.

Dancers and participants along with both host southern and northern drum groups, Young Bucz and Young Bear, helped to turn the ballroom into a complete celebration of Native heritage and culture. Nine drum groups attended, and Ralph Zotigh of Zotigh Singers, said "I thought it was an excellent powwow it

contained all the ingredients of tradition for Native American people, it helps to become cohesive, helps students to be proud." and "A part of that is support, everyone is there for a purpose and that is to support the KIVA Club, because they work hard and it is up to the community to pat them on the back and let them know, that is why my group is there to let them know we are proud of them, we have to support the way of Indian life displayed at UNM."

In addition to the powwow a mix of hip-hop dance met Indigenous dance, Native Health Initiative hosted Sacred Cypher 2014 in the lower atrium of the SUB.

As the festivities raved on, a free community feast was organized for all those in attendance. Stews, beans, salads, desserts, oven and frybread were among some of the items served that day by UNM students, faculty and alumni.

"I enjoy dancing and interacting with the other dancers from all over," Keira Sandoval, 13, a fancy shawl dancer, from the Pueblo of San Felipe, and Navajo said.

UNM student, Leoyla Cowboy (Diné), attended the powwow with her husband and two grandchildren.

"This was an important event for my family to attend and I especially wanted to teach them (the grandchildren) about Native cultures," Cowboy said.

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UNM KIVA Club Talking Circle, Nizhoni Days 2014 event in Albuquerque, N.M.

KIVA ALUMNI TALKING CIRCLE

The Talking Circle was held on April 22, from noon to 2 p.m. outside at the Lobo Gardens. Cheyenne Antonio, the vice president of the KIVA Club, stated that the main goal of the Talking Circle is to keep the members motivated through inspiration. The Talking Circle is a safe place for students to

a community Leona Morgan said. "We're here to support one another,"

UNM student organization since 1952, KIVA Club's primary focus has been to be a Native community for students on campus and bring awareness to Native American issues.

"It's good to have somewhere to go to talk to people who want to listen to you" KIVA alum, Kelly Francisco

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IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcat boss leads All-Leaguers

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Leading Bobcat Boys' Basketball to its best season – to date – in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League, Ignacio's Chris Valdez was honored with the circuit's Coach-of-the-Year award, following a 25-1 run ending with the third-place trophy on the bus home from the 2A State Championships in Pueblo.

As mentioned in a previous issue of the Drum, the All-League Team was at last sent to this writer, and multiple Cats were honored for their contributions in a special 2013-14 season.

Senior guard Clayton Jefferson was a First Team All-SJBL selection, joining Telluride's senior duo of forward Brooks Rogers and G Connor Courter, Ridgeway's senior big Nathan Hagemeyer, and Norwood senior Morgan Rummel – selected the loop's Player-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio head coach Chris Valdez (right) clarifies the plan to senior Clayton Jefferson (11) during halftime of the Bobcats' 'Great Eight' game in Pueblo against Sedgwick County this past season.

of-the-Year after helping the day-and-night Mavericks fight for a 14-11 record, and a sixth-place finish at the 1A State Championships up in Loveland.

Primed for one more winter together, IHS junior forward/center Adison Jones and sophomore guard Wyatt Hayes were Second Team All-League, with Mancos sophomore forward Ro Pas-

chal, Ouray senior forward Clay Zimmerman, THS senior guard Tristan Purdy and MHS junior guard Nigel Henry.

Finally, senior forward Kelton Richmond represented Ignacio on the short Honorable Mention All-SJBL list, joining Dolores senior G/F Jakob Rudosky and Dove Creek sophomore G Jordan Ernst.

IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

All-League Lady Cat at IHS

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Ignacio senior guard Gabriela Garcia was the only Lady Bobcat from an 8-14 squad named to any tier of the All-San Juan Basin League Team this season.

The list at last recently emailed to this writer, Garcia and Nucla freshman G/F Carlie Wytulka were both tabbed Honorable Mention All-SJBL – the only two cagers given the distinction.

Topping the First Team, Norwood junior guard Jordan Williams was also named Player-of-the-Year after helping the Lady Mavericks to a 25-1 record, including a 38-34 win over Iliff Caliche (24-2) in the Class 1A State Championship up in Loveland.

Joining her were Dove Creek senior center Madison Young, Ridgeway senior guard Grace Benasutti, Dolores senior guard/forward Brianna Schwartz and Ouray junior guard Jackie Saunders.

Second Team All-SJBL honors went to DC senior G Jessica Guynes, Norwood junior C/F Lucia Vlkova, Nucla senior G Shalyn Stefan, RHS senior F Leta McNatt and Mancos senior G Brandi Bundy.

DCHS' Jim Buffington was named Coach-of-the-Year after the Lady Bulldogs finished 19-6 overall, and rebounded from a 30-point loss to Eads on Day 1 of the 1A State Championships with much closer wins over Kit Carson and Idalia to top the consolation bracket and save fifth place.



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Ignacio's Gabriela Garcia (3) keeps her balance and dribble while scoping out a route around Dove Creek's Madison Young (22) and Shelby Knuckles during SJBL play in IHS Gymnasium this past season.

Additionally, Williams and Vlkova were both named to the statewide All-1A First Team, presented by CHSAANow.com, ColoradoPreps.com and MaxPreps, and created through a process including gaining nominations from leagues and coaches, and then taking a vote of the coaches.

Joining them as First Team-ers were Caliche junior G/F Shayln Johnson, Kit Carson senior G Brooke Crawford and South Baca [Pritchett/Campo/Vilas] junior G Allyson Grahn –

chosen the classification's POY, despite the Lady Patriots falling short of State via losing to KC at 1A-Region III.

Young was a Third Team All-1A selection, joining Eads sophomore G Brittanie Newman, Idalia soph F Reagan Schaffer, San Luis Centennial senior PG Justine Sanchez and Westminster Belleview Christian senior F/G MacKenzie Woods.

None of the SJBL's honored 2A-side players were on the All-2A Team – headed by POY Jordan Baer.

IHS SOCCER

Soccer stifled on Senior Day

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Shannon Mestas' 60th-minute penalty kick left Sarah Berlinger no chance.

Selected by head coach Oscar Cosio to go 1-v-1 with Alamosa's goalkeeper, in hopes of getting the four-year regular a goal on Senior Day – also the last event to be held on IHS Field's grass before synthetic-surface installation began this week – the Lady Bobcats' oft-physical defender denied Berlinger a chance to replicate counterpart Krissy Velasquez's stop on senior Amanda Martinez in the 52nd.

Because, unfortunately, the try was no threat.

Mestas, who admittedly approached the ball with knees shaky over the opportunity, and who'd unfortunately cleated Moose junior striker Tayleur Hillis' face – resulting in her exit from the 3A Southwestern match April 26th – in the 32nd, toed the ball well wide of Berlinger's right.

And thus ended Ignacio's best chance in a 7-0 loss to the SWL's leaders.

Hillis netted the winning goal only eight minutes in, and marked again in the 13th – after sophomore Darby Bolt struck in the 10th – to put AHS up 3-nil at intermission, and soph Megan Gallegos' second-half scores



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With classmate Roshae Weaver unavailable, the Lady Bobcat soccer seniors who suited up for the team's 2014 home finale – Shannon Mestas (9), Becca Ward (15), Cheyenne Cook (10), Jasmine Red (6), Gabriela Garcia (5) – versus Alamosa on April 26 hold a final smile amidst quickly-dropping temperatures.

in the 46th and 73rd sand-wiched junior Taylor Nye's [47', 66'] two as Alamosa, coming off a loss at 4A Pueblo County, put an incredible 50 shots into the windy, wintry La Plata County air.

Simply reminding IHS they were there, many of the attempts missed massively, but 32 did target Velasquez directly and the developing junior finished with 27 total [shot-based, and others out of necessity] saves. Berlinger, a sophomore, made three as Ignacio fired just four shots, three going on frame.

AHS (9-2-1, 9-1-0 SWL) out-cornered the Lady 'Cats (0-11, 0-11) ten to three, but Mestas' post-match comments – as well as being the crux of her Senior Day half-time verbiage – stressed the

importance of maintaining focus on one's own effort rather than the final score during a tough match.

Ignacio had fallen 6-2 at Center the previous afternoon out at Center Community Park, but goals by senior Cheyenne Cook and sophomore Tristan Boone against the Lady Vikings gave the late-blooming Lady 'Cats at least one score in five of six matches prior to AHS' visit.

IHS' 2014 – and the prep careers of Mestas, Cook, Jasmine Red, Becca Ward, Gabriela Garcia, and Roshae Weaver (inactive versus the Moose) – was to end at second-place Bayfield (9-3-0, 8-1-0) Tuesday evening, April 29, but results were unavailable by the Drum's deadline.

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IHS TRACK

Track pack battles N.M. winds

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With a name like 'B&B' in the event's title, one could assume there would be an overnight stay involved for the out-of-town teams attending and competing at Aztec, New Mexico's April 25-26 meet.

Unfortunately for Ignacio – if that were indeed the case – rooms could have been reserved for all the Bobcat thinclads, but only one would have needed the good night's sleep and breakfast.

Senior Christian Knoll was IHS Track-and-Field's lone athlete to see day two of the 2014 B&B Invitational, and laid down a seventh-place, 56.88-second pass – slower than his 54.26 in the day-one preliminaries – in the 400-meter dash to contribute greatly to the boys' sixth-place team finish amidst windy, deteriorating weather conditions.

Coming off a fourth-place finish at 3A Bayfield's Pine River Invitational the previous weekend, the Bobcats amassed 25 points, with a big chunk coming from senior Kelton Richmond's third in the discus (a 125'10" toss) and fourth in the shot (40'0") during Friday's session in Fred Cook Memorial Stadium.

He'd been third in the discus (125'8") and the shot (40'10.25") in Wolverine Country Stadium.

Sophomores Nick Herrera and Wyatt Hayes also turned in top-ten efforts on day one in Aztec, with the former placing seventh in the high jump (5'9") and

the latter eighth in the triple jump (37'5.5").

Farmington, N.M., won the boys' championship with a 123-point haul in 4A, and the host Tigers were second with 74. BHS (60), 4A Durango (59) and 3A Pagosa Springs (48) rounded out the top five.

Sixth at the PRI, luck wasn't as kind to the Lady Bobcats in Aztec; sophomore Chrystianne Valdez's 10th-place 7'0" in day one's pole vault was the girls' best showing.

AHS won with 157 points, followed distantly by FHS (73), PSHS (61), BHS (31.5) and 3A Socorro, N.M. (30.5), in the top five.

Not shown as scoring any points in the girls' 11-team title hunt, Ignacio's cause was hindered by the absence of multi-sport freshman Rachel Cooper (who played in the soccer team's home finale at IHS Field), who'd won (in a time of 14:10.93) the 3,200 meters at the PRI.

Annika Zschiegner tied for tenth in the high jump (4'2"), Jayce Stricherz was 12th in the pole vault (6'6"), and DaShona Lloyd was 13th in the 100-meter dash (14.54).

Stricherz finished 17th in the 300m hurdles' prelims, running a 55.50, Zschiegner (1:00.32) was close behind in 20th, and Sharmaine Price was 23rd in the 400 with her 1:22.81. With a 31.36-second dash, Jaylynn Herrera placed 26th in the 200.

Valdez, a sophomore, did finish in a tie for sixth amongst Colorado entrants in the B&B's long jump (13'5.25"), as it did serve as

a state-qualifying meet for those squads.

Back on the boys' side of the meet, Hayes was tenth in the 200 with a 24.21 and Blaine Mickey 15th in the 100 with his 12.24. Mike Perez was 12th in the 110m hurdles' prelims at 18.53.

Relays were strong for the 'Cats, with the 4x2 [Hayes, Mickey, Knoll, Perez] taking second in 1:38.02, and the 4x1 third in 46.66. The quartet's try in the 4x8, however, yielded no time.

A different lineup – Bryan Gram, Justis Herrera, Fabian Martinez, Chase Sanchez – than reported had registered a second-place 10:28.43 in the discipline at the Pine River Invite, while a 4x4 of Gram, Hayes, Nick Herrera and Perez (time of 3:39.63) had also finished second.

Joao Campos tied for 11th in the high jump (5'4"), and Knoll and Tyler Riepel tied each other for 12th in the pole vault (10'0") with Mickey tied for 15th (9'0"). Greg Bison took ninth in the shot (36'5").

Keith Joosten had cleared 11'3" in the pole vault for second at the PRI, with Riepel (8'9") third.

Victorious over all in the PRI's long jump with a 19-foot, 3-inch maximum, Hayes was Colorado's best at the B&B Invite with an 18'10.75" leap.

Up next, Ignacio will hit Pagosa's Terry Alley Invitational on Saturday, May 3, and then regionals in Grand Junction on the 9th and 10th. The State Championships, held at Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood, are set for May 15-17.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Anthony Manzanares (2) makes sure he makes contact with second base, completing a double play – started by Antonio Torres' catch in centerfield and ensuing throw – to retire Nucla's Graden Steffan (13) during SJBL action at SunUte Field on Friday, April 25.

IHS BASEBALL

IHS Bobcats can't corral Mustangs' romp

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

By spearing Devyn Rummel's third-inning drive with a highlight-reel dive, and then doubling Graden Steffan off of second base with a perfect throw to Anthony Manzanares, Ignacio senior Antonio Torres – filling the cleats of absent regular centerfielder Clayton Jefferson – proved there was sufficient mental focus Friday, April 25th, for the Bobcats to face the visiting Mustangs.

After all, he'd already just made a fourth outstanding catch in as many tries against a squad bent on bashing the ball all around (and, on a few occasions, beyond) SunUte Field's dimensions, looking to make amends from the still-discussed April 15th thriller in Nucla during the teams' last meeting.

"You know we had a tough game against 'em last time – they're one of the best [teams] in the district – and they gave us a sad loss. So I thought ... just put it all out on the line!" said Torres.

"Last ... important varsity home game ... you want to do everything you can to help your team, and I was just doing everything I could. We just came up short."

For after Caden Colson followed the grab with a single to right, the first ball the rangy Torres couldn't reach – off the bat of NHS senior Kolby Starks – bounced all the way to the right-center fence for a triple (scoring Colson), and senior Blayde Harrigan then belted a two-run homer over leftfielder Austin McCaw to set in motion an eventual 12-1, 12-3 sweep securing a 9-0 San Juan Basin League record.

"I think it's going to be something great to say when you get older and stuff," Harrigan said. "Which is good ... gives people incentive to keep it going for years."

"It was just a good effort by everyone, all the way around," said Game 1 winning pitcher Morgan Rummel (CG; 6 IP, 3 H, HB, 3 BB, 8 K). "We were pretty...danged-near perfect – not many errors. A few mental mistakes on baserunning, but I think other than that we did great."

"We had a couple mistakes in the infield and ... got down on ourselves," IHS head coach Lupe Huerta said. "That's not the way they play; today was an off-day for them, and it showed in the score."

Other than 'Cat sophomore Tucker Ward's fourth-inning triple – he'd soon score on an error by

Nucla third baseman Sladen Hendrickson – the only threat Ignacio posed in the doubleheader's opener was a sinking liner hit by junior Iaasic Pena (L, CG; 6 IP, 13 H, BB, HB, 3 K), with Torres on first, in the bottom of the fifth which Starks successfully laid out for and gloved.

"Late read on it," he said, "and thought the wind was going to carry it further. Luckily I got to it!"

Harrigan finished Game 1 an impressive 4-for-4 – including a triple in the top of the fifth and another homer in the sixth – with four runs scored and five driven in. Starks and Tim Armintrout each went 2-4 with an RBI, as did Devyn Rummel – owing to his first varsity homer (a solo shot in the fourth).

"I saw a 'meatball,' so to speak, coming in on the inside," recalled the freshman, "and just swung as hard as I could! Put it right over left-field ... it felt good!"

"We knew what Iaasic had," Morgan Rummel said, referencing the intense encounter ten days earlier, "and we were prepared for it. We didn't hit well that first game ... that's what it takes!"

After IHS went scoreless initially in Game 2, NHS (13-4 overall) increased a 2-0 lead to 6-0 in the top of the second with help from a triple by winning pitcher Clint Watt (4 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 BB, 2 HB, 5 K) and a three-base error by McCaw in deep left off Devyn Rummel's bat.

The Bobcats, however, countered in the frame's home half with three runs. Ward led off with a single to center, and would later score on a two-out, bases-loaded walk to designated hitter Lorenzo Pena. Torres then came through with a 2-RBI single back up the middle to score Adison Jones from third and Joe Herrera from second before Manzanares flew to right, ending the locals' rally.

"We knew they'd hit. Played a good game against us last time ... and we get ten-run ruled the next game? Obviously something was wrong," said Torres before Watt's first pitch. "But we've got – really – nothing to lose ... just going to go out there ... with some confidence and hopefully take some of theirs."

But not enough was swiped by the comeback; only six more 'Cats – Rain Rosa, Herrera and Pena were each beamed once, Bo Ward and Jones each drew a walk, and Tucker Ward reached on an error by Morgan Rummel at first – would

reach base as Watt gave way to Armintrout (3 IP, 0 R, 0 H, BB, HB, 2 K).

Nucla, meanwhile, separated for good with four runs in the top of the sixth off Tucker Ward (2.1 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 0 BB, K), who'd relieved older brother Bo (L; 4.2 IP, 8 H, 7 R, BB, HB, 7 K) to get Devyn Rummel ending the guests' fifth.

Junior Aaron Morgan (2-2, R, RBI) led off with a single to left, and was followed by consecutive doubles from Starks (3-5, 2 R, 2 RBI) and Harrigan (2-5, 2 R, 2 RBI) and an Armintrout sacrifice fly. Morgan Rummel then reached on an error at short, and would score after a Pena throwing error and ensuing fielder's-choice throw by Jones – unsuccessfully trying to retire Watt, who'd struck out but was running after a dropped third strike – to second.

"Today they were just hitting the ball, in the spots we weren't. I think that was the main thing – they were just getting good hits," said Tucker Ward (1-4, R). "And we were down on ourselves; we could have picked ourselves up a little more and that would have helped."

"Obviously we're disappointed in the outcome; I thought after our first meeting with these guys that we'd give 'em better games," Huerta said.

Only Manzanares (1-4) and Jones (1-2, BB, R) had basehits besides Ward and Torres in Game 2 for IHS, while only Colson – replaced by Morgan in the fourth inning – went without for the Mustangs.

"We just waited on the ball," Harrigan said, "to see it better, had better at-bats... pitch selection."

Dropped to a third-place 3-6 in the 2A/1A SJBL [IHS had split at Dolores three days earlier] and 8-8 overall, the Bobcats' regular season ended with non-league action – a trip south to face the 3A Bloomfield, N.M., JV, on April 29th, and a home finale versus the 3A Bayfield JV on May 1st.

Results from both were unavailable before the Drum's deadline.

"So what we're looking at these next two games – we want to win them, but I just want to play good, solid fundamental ball," said Huerta, "and get ready for districts doing that."

"Talked to my captains about stepping up and leading this team – they get direction from me, but everybody knows if you have a couple kids on a team ... It's more of an impact if THEY lead."

NEW EMPLOYEES



Rylie Jefferson

Job title: Pharmacy technician intern
Description of duties: Pharmacy Technician Internship hours for certification.

Family: Robert and Teena Jefferson.

Tribe: Southern Ute Indian.



Destinee DeHerrera

Job title: Detention officer
Description of duties: Maintain the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitor all activities within the detention center.

Tribe: Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.



Katie Piel

Job title: Public health nurse

Description of duties: Public health nursing care to individuals and the community.

Hobbies: Hiking, photography and traveling.

Family: I am married to my husband, Andrew, and I have 2 kids, Christopher (10) and Makena (6).

Southern Ute tribal members receive FREE whitewater raft guide training

If interested contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife for more details on how to sign up for training that prepares you to become a whitewater raft guide.

Contact Josh Batchelor, Parks Recreation Manager at 970-563-0130 extension 2412, or email at jbatchel@southern-ute.nsn.us.

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MEMORIAM

Honoring an artist

By Arlene Millich
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Harold Seibel is the husband of Lillian Seibel, Southern Ute Tribal member, and has lived on the Southern Ute Reservation for over 40 years.

It started to snow again and Larry, my husband, wasn't home from the Casino. I got a call from Shane, my nephew, who said in a very dismal voice, that his dad [Harold Seibel] was not going to survive the night. I got real sad and let the tears fall. Harold died that night December 10, 2012.

I first met Harold Seibel when I was about 31-years-old. Both Larry and I were the majordomos for the St. Ignatius Church, and we were in charge of the dance taking place that evening I first met Harold.

This gorgeous young man came into the hall and tried to get me to let him into the dance without paying. Actually he was trying to hit on me by telling all these pick up lines. It gave my ego a boost. I said, "I'm married so cut the crap." That didn't deter him, so finally just to get rid of him; I let him into the dance.

I told Lillian, my sister, about the Harold encounter, she checked him out and the next thing I knew she and he were in a relationship.

What was Harold's modus operandi?

He was always trying to get something for free. He was a free spirit and didn't care about money or how to get it. My children referred to him as a "hippie." He didn't want to impress anyone with his looks and wanted to live his life not by the standard status quo.

His philosophies and beliefs were never to be challenged. He would not compromise or see the other person's point of view. I loved getting under his skin by taking an opposite

stance on his belief systems. We would argue until I had to walk away.

Then he would laugh. He had such a good laugh, especially when he told you stories about himself. He had many strange adventures with sad endings, but now he laughed about the experiences. That's the kind of man he was.

His art was his life. Harold loved the smell of paint and the wonderful creations that would surface when he applied paint to the blank canvas. He learned to draw and appreciate the shapes and forms, which were taught by Joe Toledo, his fifth grade teacher.

The love of art continued to follow him as he entered and completed his studies at Fort Lewis College. In college he was inspired to create art.

"Don't paint like anyone else," his mentor, Stanton Englehart said.

And believe me; he created art as he saw his world, his environment, his love, and his children. He saw these worlds through abstract eyes and sometimes no one else could figure out what he was painting.

Most people, who view art, like to see photographs replicated on canvas. Everything has to be realistic. Harold said, "Screw them....I like what I do and I don't paint for those kind of people!"

Harold also was voted to "WHO's WHO" in American colleges. His politics were very impeded in his persona, he was a member of the Students for a Democratic Society, and participated in the protest in Chicago.

The adage is true about starving artists. Harold didn't care about becoming famous, rich or creating artwork for the cultured individuals. He created art for himself.

His work may not have appealed to the masses, but you became a friend and connoisseur of great art if

you liked his work. Not only that, you would be given one of his great pieces of art.

Harold and I became buddies. He still told me things I wanted to hear but never crossed the imaginary line of proper protocol. We shared many philosophical discussions, art and life, in general.

I knew that Harold was very sick with a disease that had no cure. It's called Crohn's Disease. There were many occasions when I would tell Harold, in no uncertain terms, that he needed to get to the doctor. He would just shrug it off and say he didn't have the money for the doctor or the pills he needed. I don't know if he was telling the truth or just not wanting to deal with his illness.

When Harold died he left a hole in the hearts of many people: his wife, family, friends and art lovers. It has been said that artist become famous after their deaths. I hope this is true for Harold.

Harold had approximately 400 hundred paintings completed when he died.

The Dancing Spirit Gallery is honoring the spirit of Harold by having a show on May 2, 2014, 5-8 p.m. His grandson, Trey Seibel, is now the owner of these paintings and can be contacted through the gallery. We invite the community to come and see the art of Harold, have refreshment and enjoy the entertainment.

I loved him and he loved me and I know this because he gave me at least 8 paintings. He wanted to make sure I continued to remember him after he was gone. I miss the laugh; the bumps on his arms, his mismatched socks, and the crazy weird person who helped inspire me to continue doing my style of watercolor. Vaya Con Dios, my friend.

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY EZ!

We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to Ezekiel Howell on April 26th! It is hard to believe that you've been with us for 10 years! Time is going by too fast, seems like just yesterday you were a baby. We want you to know that you make us very proud, blessed and honored to call you our son. Not a day goes by that God is not thanked for lending you to us. You are so kind, loving and goofy! And we hope that as you continue to grow you keep those traits with you. You truly are a treasure from above. You bring joy and happiness into all of our lives with your laughter and beautiful smile! With every year that passes, every stage, and age we Love you more. No words can ever describe the joy and pride Daddy and I have from having a son to Love and cherish like you. You have filled our hearts with Love beyond compare. We hope that you know we will always be here for you whenever you need us, to laugh, to cry, to



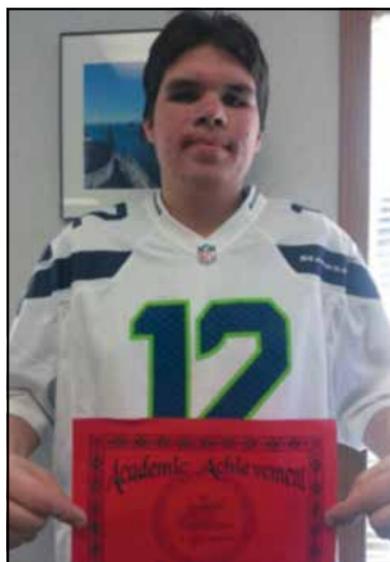
assure you everything will be ok, or whatever it may be, we will be by your side. Celebrate, we shall come the day of your party! 10 years old! Hope you enjoy your day with all your family and friends that Love and cherish you!

Love Always,
Mom, Dad & Kandin

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY IRENE BURCH!

Now that we are Mom's we never knew how hard it was and how much patience it took to raise us. We can never repay you for the sacrifices you made. Your example has outlined our character and has given us strength. Know that we will always be here for you whenever you need us. May you have a day blessed with smiles, laughter, sunshine and love from your family on this special Mother's Day.

Love always,
Cookie, Leona, Lena Lisa, Leora, Laurena, Lynnette and Families



HAPPY BE-LATED 15TH BIRTHDAY FREEDOM HUNTER

And congratulations for never giving up, working hard and making Honor Roll with a 3.8! You make me proud every day and I love you to the moon and back!

Mum



CONGRATULATIONS IGNACIO WILDCATS

3rd at the Skyhawk Shoot-out! You did an awesome, go get them at Albuquerque!

Thank you - Coach Naomi



AWESOME JOB IGNACIO CHIEFS!

#1at The Skyhawks Shoot-out! Great teamwork!

Thank you - Coach Shane, Trae & Melanie

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

An open invitation to the Southern Ute tribal membership.

I would like to invite any interested Southern Ute Tribal Member to attend a Round Table discussion on May 12, 2014 from 4p-6p at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

I am interested to hear your concerns regarding the Tribal Government. This is not a lecture or a speech it is an event for me to

hear what your concerns are and for you to ask me any questions or concerns you may have regarding my goal to be the next Southern Ute Tribal Chairman.

A light dinner will be served. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Thank you,
Barb Scott-Rarick
Tribal Chairman Candidate

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In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2014-0030-CV-PR
NOTICE OF PROBATE
Jimmy Ray Newton Jr.,
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on May 19, 2014 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
Dated this 14th of April, 2014
Maria Farmer, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No. 2014-027-CV-NC
NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE
Nathan William-Baker Blue Fox Strong Elk Winder, Jr., Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Nathan William-Baker Blue Fox Strong Elk Winder, Jr. has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nathan Strong Elk. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than May 4, 2014 at 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 3rd day of April, 2014.
Tasha Herrera, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2014-0028-CV-NC
NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE
Marie Ella Joy, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Marie Ella Joy has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Marie Rhileina Joy. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than May 16, 2014 at 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 10th day of April, 2014.
Maria Farmer, Court Clerk

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May 16
Deadline
May 12

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Special Election 2014

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2014 Special Election, according to the Constitution and Election Code.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Constitution Article V, Section 5: Any vacancy in the membership of the tribal council, resulting from any cause, shall be filled at a special election to be called and held within sixty (60) days following the date upon which it becomes vacant if the office has longer than six (6) months to run.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Friday, April 18, 2014 by 5 p.m.

Election Code 11-3-101 (3): A Statement of Intention shall be filed with the Election Board as set forth by the resolution of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council establishing the date for a Special Election.

ELECTION BOARD DECISION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Election Code 11-3-102 (2): Any decision of the Election Board regarding eligibility shall be made at least forty-five (45) days before the election.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Monday, April 28, 2014

Election Code 11-4-102 (1): Election Board shall post notices of the election within the Southern Ute Reservation at least thirty (30) days before each election.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Friday, May 16, 2014 by 5 p.m.

Election Code 11-1-104 (1): Any enrolled So. Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE

Friday, May 16, 2014 by 5 p.m.

Election Code 11-5-102 (2): Requests for an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 by 5 p.m.

Election Code 11-5-107 (3): An emergency ballot may be requested after the absentee ballot deadline and prior to the Election day.

RESIDENCY

Thursday, February 27, 2014

Constitution Article IV, Section 5: A candidate shall physically reside within the present exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation for at least ninety (90) days preceding the election.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305, Direct Line at 970-563-4789 or 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303. The Election Board office is located in the Leonard C. Burch Building and will be open Monday through Friday during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 28, 2014 Sun Ute Community Center 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Candidates for Tribal Chairman are:
Notice - Vote for One

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Barbara Scott-Rarick
Kevin R. Frost
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Shelly L. Thompson

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

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- Polls open at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center.
- Voting is by secret ballot.
- Voting by proxy is not allowed.
- Persons waiting in line at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Official Voter Registration Deadline –
May 16, 2014 by 5:00 PM
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline –
May 16, 2014 by 5:00 PM
Emergency Absentee Deadline –
May 27, 2014 by 5:00 PM

If you have any questions or concerns, phone (970) 563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305. Off-Reservation Tribal members please phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303. Email is election@southernute-nsn.gov
The Election Board is open Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - SOCIAL SERVICES Citizen Review Panel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. Panel members shall receive compensation at the rate of \$25 per hour for service on the Panel. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older, have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection, have

no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim, is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years, is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100 Ext. 2424.

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Get to work in 5 minutes from this 16-irrigated acres on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reservation, 4 easy miles north from Ignacio, one full irrigation water share from the King Ditch, south sloping land growing hay, average 650 bales one cutting, w/pond, electricity at property line, entirely fenced, private, excellent access road, asking price has been reduced to \$170K but will discount \$5K to Southern Ute Tribal member or Southern Ute Tribal employee for a quick close please call Steve Williams 970-884-1326 or email questions to ljmforever53@gmail.com for more details.

STUDENTS! Need a job for the summer?

Limited employment slots "first come-first serve." Youth employment program (YEP) is now accepting Southern Ute Students 14-18 years of age for summer employment! Contact: Mary Guenther for more information 970-563-0100, ext. 2791.

We want you!

Are you a Tribal Member that is 18 or over and registered to VOTE?

The Southern Ute Election Board has one (1) ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER vacancy.

Learn about the tribal election process! These are tribal appointment and paid positions.

- If you are interested in applying for the ALTERNATE Board Member position, submit your Letter of Intent at either of the front desks in the LCB Building, attention envelope to Election Board.

Deadline to submit is Wednesday, May 14, 2014 by 5 p.m.

Election Board: 970-563-0100, ext. 2303 or 2305. The Election Board is located on the second floor, east wing of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building.



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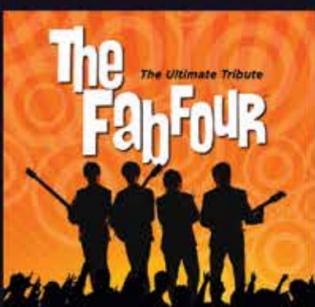
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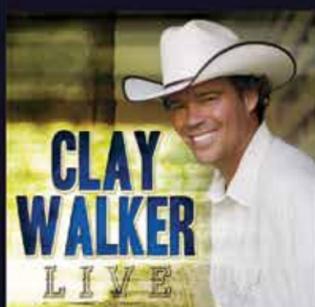


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CLAY WALKER

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RESORT
Owned & operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
IGNACIO, COLORADO

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ENCORE! ADD SOME CASH TO YOUR CONCERT FUN! After any concert play the slots and you could win \$200. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details.



Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.
Human Resources • PO Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024
Tribal member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test and background check

Business Systems Analyst I – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 5/5/14 – Ignacio, CO
Under general direction of the IT Manager, leads business system analysis, support, and use of Red Willow's integrated oil and gas business software. Interface with users of software to evaluate needs and develop business solutions utilizing IT technology.

Business Systems Analyst II – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 5/5/14 – Ignacio, CO
Under general direction of the IT Manager, leads business system analysis, support, and use of Red Willow's integrated oil and gas business software. Interface with users of software to evaluate needs and develop business solutions utilizing IT technology.

Business Objects & PeopleSoft Lead Architect – SU Shared Services

Closing date 5/5/14 – Ignacio, CO
This position, under general direction of the Application Development Manager, the Lead Architect develops and oversees the implementation of complex data warehouse solutions which extract data from multiple source systems including PeopleSoft Finance and Human Capital Management applications using SAP Business Objects Data Services toolset and Microsoft's SQL Server database toolset along with other data extraction and transformation methods as needed. The Lead Architect analyzes, maintains and develops reports and maintains SAP's Business Objects (BOBJ) and Budgeting, Planning, and Consolidation (BPC) systems, along with other source systems, such as PeopleSoft. The Lead Architect supports customers' business goals, assists reporting end users and Shared Services staff as needed in BOBJ and BPC operation and

maintenance, including development, backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the business.

Microsoft SharePoint Administrator – SU Shared Services

Closing date 5/5/14 – Ignacio, CO
SharePoint farm with respect to Microsoft SharePoint. Establish and support development, test and production environments using Microsoft SharePoint and third party applications. Work with team members at various levels to ensure that development, test and production environments are deployed to meet Shared Services software development lifecycle standards.

Production Accounting Supervisor – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 5/5/14 – Ignacio, CO
Under general direction of the IT Manager, ensures that timely and accurate production volumes are available for all oil and gas properties, operated and non-operated, for use in processes utilizing actual production data including regulatory reporting and budget analysis. Performs allocation process on operated volumes with input from Gas Marketing to feed the revenue generation process. Makes decisions regarding volume estimates when needed. Responsible for managing and developing the Production Accounting staff.

Property Maintenance Manager – Growth Fund (Facilities)

Closing date 5/15/14 – Ignacio, CO
Provides maintenance management services to the GF Properties Group to include monitoring and maintaining the Quichas Hill Heights apartment complex property in Ignacio, addressing tenant requests, processing work orders and coordinating sub-contracted work. On-site residency is required.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, and qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License.

Bingo Staff – Part-time (with benefits)

Closing date 5/5/14
Performs paper and pull tab sales at the bingo hall entrance and bingo floor. Announces bingo games, includes assisting customers with any questions regarding operations of the bingo games. Verifies winning bingo cards and makes payouts accordingly. High School Diploma/GED. Must be at least 21 yrs old. Must have good cash handling skills, previous experience with cash transactions required.

Craps Dealer – Full-time

Closing date 5/9/14
Deals all craps games. Promotes positive guest relations through prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School Diploma/GED. 1 year experience as a Craps Dealer with dealer school certification or 3 years experience dealing Craps, or Sky Ute Casino dealer certificate. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in Craps.

Facilities Staff – Temporary

Closing date 5/5/14
Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Must have a High School Diploma/

GED. Prior experience in one or more related fields preferred. Must be able to work all shifts, weekends, and holidays when needed. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Fine Dining Food Server – Full-time

Closing date 5/5/14
Provides an exceptional fine dining experience by delivering first class customer service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. High School Diploma/GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Minimum 1 year waiter/waitress exp in a luxury hotel, resort, or fine dining restaurant. Must be able to demonstrate superior food and wine knowledge. Must have knowledge of service techniques including French Service dining exp.

Housekeeping Staff – Full-time

Closing date 5/5/14
Cleans all public areas in the Casino; public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms. High School Diploma/GED preferred. Must be at least 21 years old. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred.

QUICHAS APARTMENT FOR RENT

3BR/2.5 BA. \$550/mo + utilities. Garage. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at shey@sugf.com, use the subject line, Quichas Application; or in person at the Three Springs

Information Center, 175 Mercado Street, Suite 131, Durango, CO 81301 during working hours – Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and returned by Friday, May 16. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE Committee Member Vacancy

The Johnson O'Malley Committee has one vacant for a committee member. Eligible JOM parent or guardian to a student from K-12th in Ignacio and Bayfield school district.

KSUT Board of Directors Vacancy

KSUT is seeking one Southern Ute tribal member to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Rob Rawles at KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Open until filled.

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM Board of Directors Vacancy

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer recruitment skills. For more information, please call (970) 563-9583 during regular business hours. A letter of intent should be submitted in person to SUCCM or by mail at PO Box 737 #95 Ignacio, CO 81137.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Building Maintenance Division Head

Closing date 5/12/14
Management of personnel, programs, and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Building Maintenance Division as it relates to building maintenance. Pay grade 21; \$53,373/year.

Detention Officer

Closing date 5/12/214
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.22 hour.

Web Systems Specialist/Administrator

Closing date 5/14/14
Under general direction of the Applications/Web Developer, administers and maintains the Southern Ute Tribal Intranet/SharePoint capabilities. Pay grade 19; \$20.64/hour.

Youth In Natural Resources Crew Members (4)

Closing date 5/16/14
Native youth only. Youth in Natural Resources (YNR) is an environmental educational program provided by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The mission is to foster an interest in and sense of stewardship toward our natural resources by providing an environmental education component and opportunities for summer employment in natural resource management. Participants receive hands-on work experience, environmental education, and field trip opportunities. Temporary summer position for Southern Ute tribal member high school students who are 16 years of age or older. Although Southern Ute Tribal members receive hiring preference, other individuals enrolled in other federally recognized tribes or decedents of Southern Ute tribal members will also be considered based upon availability. YNR members are assembled into a 4-person crew that reports directly to the YNR crew leader and performs a variety of functions associated with environmental education and various disciplines of natural resource management. Pay grade 11; \$10/hour. The work season is from June to August.

Tribal Health Department Director

Closing date 6/13/14
Professional executive management position with overall responsibility for the health services system and supervision of a variety of health related programs operated by the Southern Ute Tribe, which provides health services or health related services. Leadership for the design, implementation and effective operation of the health system in coordination with the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, the Member Health Benefits Committee or any other similar advisory group, and the department leaders who at any time may have information or programs that interface with the health services system. Provides leadership and general supervision to divisions within the Department ensuring compliance with policies and procedures. Provides information and support on health services and the health status of the Tribal members to the Tribal Council. Pay grade 27; \$105,508/year.

Chief Medical Officer – Tribal Health Clinic

Open until filled
Full-time position organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met. This position will provide the day-to-day oversight and coordination of all clinical providers and overall leadership of the clinical department to ensure compliance with all appropriate policies, regulations and accreditation standards. Will require providing both direct patient care services as well as all required administrative services within the department with a split of approximately half of the time being allotted to each clinical and administrative duties.

Family Practice Physician

Open until filled
Providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY JOB POSITIONS

Apprentice Range Technician

Closing date 5/7/214
This program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute tribal member with a desire to learn the processes involved with implementing and coordinating range management activities. The time frame for this program is 24 months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction.

Apprentice Lands Division Head

Closing date 5/7/14
This program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute tribal member with a desire to learn the processes involved with Southern Ute Indian Tribe land management. Ensure Southern Ute tribal land management and associated transactions are conducted in manner which promotes the wise use, development, and conservation of the land and cultural resources of the tribe, complying with tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. The time frame for this program is twenty-four (24) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction.

Youth Employment Program Workers

Open until filled
Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Program Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the Southern Ute Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June 16 to August 1, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence. Pay rate is \$9/hour, or \$9.50/hour for returning Youth Employment Workers.

Team Jobs Program

Continuously open
Temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the current pool of applicants. The rate of pay is set at the minimum pay for the assignment, but not less than \$11/hour.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org
Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year

Cheerleading Coach

Closing date 5/7/14 - Position for the Fall and Winter sports.



Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors create its vision, plan programs, develop funding and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. There are open positions for tribal or community members with financial and/or leadership experience.

Applications are available at www.bgcsu.org

For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694

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FLY-FISHING

Planes and fly-fishing gear

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

In my opinion, traveling on commercial airlines is no fun. It's a hassle. The planes are crowded, have no legroom, and the seats are uncomfortable. The aircraft are old, not on time, your luggage gets lost, and a large number of travelers wear their flannel pajamas. I'm old. I remember when air travel was an adventure. While the food wasn't good, at least it was served with real silverware and a cigarettes.

In today's world of air travel it seems luggage is the big issue. It never ceases to amaze me how travelers define carry-on bags. I believe whomever invented the game "Whack-a-mole" got their inspiration from watching people trying to hammer huge bags into little spaces. When they are successful your proper size carry-on, that was stowed first, gets crushed. With that ugly vision planted firmly in your brain, I have some tips for those that have never traveled on an airplane with their fly-fishing gear.

It's a sad start of a trip to arrive at the luggage carousel only to watch everyone else claim their bags. Then find the airline office – that tracks lost bags – closed. Now you begin the search for your gear via cell phone, only to have your bags and equipment delivered to your lodge the day before you leave to come home. I have seen this happen.

Tip one, is don't check everything.

To avoid this acquire a



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rod bag that can hold several 4-piece rods, reels, and other items that will make it through security. The other items, for me, include an extra pair of sunglasses and my sun gloves. Don't try to carry on 100's of flies, liquid-floatant, pliers, and a leather-man tool. Several types of rod bags are on the market and fit into the overhead storage bins. My bag even fits into the bins on the commuter flights to Denver.

Tip two, make use of the personal carry-on bag you're allowed. In it, put one pair of fishing pants and a fishing shirt.

So if your checked luggage is delayed, you'll still be comfortable while fishing. If your bag, holding your flies, doesn't

arrive hopefully your fishing partners won't charge much for flies. Of course, that means you are traveling with different partners than I travel with.

Tip three, know the laws about bringing waders, felt soled boots, rods and reels, into the state or country you are traveling to.

Some states and countries have banned felt soled boots. It would sure take the fun out of a fly-fishing trip to have your wadding boots confiscated at an airport.

I recently saw several fly-fishermen having to check their rods after changing airports in Argentina. The national airport had a different set of rules from the international airport.

Don't argue with the folks from TSA or U.S. Customs is tip four.

You'll lose this argument every time. Even if an item makes it through one airport, there is no law that says it will make it through another.

I had a nail knot tool make it through the first airport and taken away at another. That was TSA.

Arguing with a U.S. Custom Official goes to another level – they carry guns. If you don't like losing a nail-knot tool, you'll really have a bad day as you watch your toothpaste squeezed out. And that will just be for starters. These folks have a thankless job to do, try thanking them.

Travel on airplanes is not fun, again my opinion. However, a few hours of cramped and uncomfortable seating can deliver days of wonderful fly-fishing. Make the best of the ride; have a great day on the water.

AGRICULTURE NEWS

Preparing for this year's growing season

Robert Dobbins
SU AGRICULTURE DIVISION

With the beginning of spring, comes the start of a new growing season for area farmers. This is a busy time of year when agricultural producers prepare for the warmer months ahead and focus on the things they can do to make it the best season possible.

Two of these kinds of actives are applying fertilizer to fields and controlling noxious weeds. After the management of irrigation water these two actives have more of an impact to the productivity and sustainability of farmland than nearly any other management practice we can do.

Proper fertilization ensures that our field's plant communities have the nutrients required to maximize growth potential. This not only increases yields but improves plant health.

Robust-healthy plants out-compete unwanted weeds and tolerant drought better, increasing their survivability. To make a fertilization program as effective as possible, doing a soil test first to see what nutrients soil already contains is the place to start.

Then pairing this information with the known requirements for the crop to be raised will tell us the type



courtesy Robert Dobbins/SU Agriculture Division

and amount of supplemental fertilizer to apply. Soil testing before hand not only helps to find out a field's needs but also allows producers to apply only what is needed.

When it comes to applying the fertilizer, putting it on early in the growing season will product the best results. This is the time of year when plants need the extra nutrients the most and will give us better early season growth.

The other topic I would like to cover is controlling noxious weeds.

Weeds growing in agriculture fields steal the limited water and nutrients meant for the desirable plants we want to flourish. Weeds lower the quality of the forage produced.

In some cases weeds can even be toxic. Keeping weeds controlled for the long term is a process that begins

by applying herbicides to reduce the plants population, then establish a community of desirable plants that will out-compete any existing weeds left growing and will help prevent new ones from creeping into the area.

Putting management practices like these to work on your operation, not only improves the successes of this year's growing season, but also continues to have a lasting effect for many years to come. The results of both make the investment well worth it.

The Southern Ute Agriculture Division is always available to assist tribal members with their farming actives on tribal agricultural lands with a wide range of services.

Please call us at 970-565-0220 and come by our offices if you would like to talk more about these practices we offer.

AGRICULTURE NEWS

Controlling prairie dogs

Staff report
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

As the prairie dog population continues to remain high in the surrounding area Colonies spread and move even closer to where people live. In some cases the best method of control requires the use of chemical pesticide. They can be very effective and relatively inexpensive to apply. However great care must be taken to ensure proper use and safety.

To aid in this many of the commonly used pesticides are restricted. Meaning in order to buy and apply these chemicals a person must be

trained and licensed by the state of Colorado.

For a person who just wants to apply pesticides on their own property; a private applicator license is required. It is a simple process over seen by the Colorado Department of Agriculture. The program requires applications to pass a written exam.

Study materials are available, and the test can be taken one of two ways. A hard copy can be requested then mailed back once completed. Also the test is available on line at the Colorado Department of Agriculture web site. There are some costs that goes along with

the process. The study materials are \$20 and a \$75 testing fee for a total of \$95. It does not take a large investment of time to complete and it's a good investment in the long run.

You can contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-239-4180 and access their web page with more information http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/ag_Plants/CBON/1251623417095.

Also the staff at the S.U.I.T. Agriculture Division is available to assist with this process. We can be reached at 970-563-0220 or feel free to stop by our office.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, April 4



Mostly sunny 68°F

Saturday, April 5



Sunny 74°F

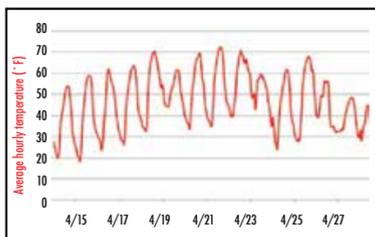
Sunday, April 6



Mostly sunny 73°F

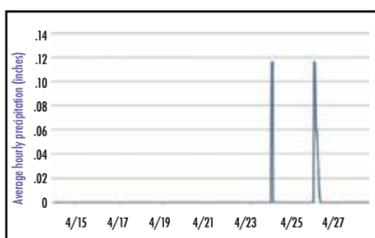


Weather data for April 14 – April 28



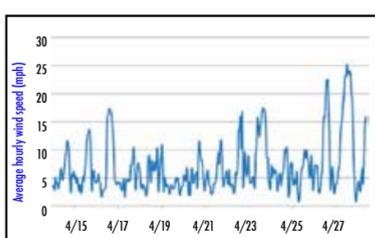
Temperature

High 72.1°
Low 18.3°
Average 46.9°
Average last year 43.8°



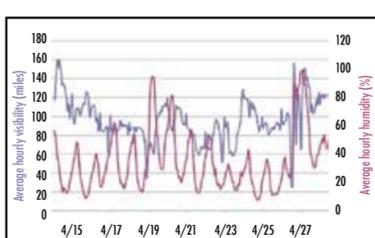
Precipitation

Total 0.640"
Total last year 0.964"



Wind speed

Average 6.9
Minimum 0.8
Maximum 25.1



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility 95.7
Average humidity 35.1%

Air quality
Moderate



BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management will be

accepting Brunot rare game applications through the month of May.

The drawing will be held in June.

Available Permits

2 Bighorn Sheep

2 Mountain Goat

1 Moose



Please contact SUIIT Wildlife for more information or stop by the office to apply

(970)563-0130